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VOLUME FIFTY-ONE

## NAZI-FASCIST CLEAN-UP IN URUGUAY

Axis-Controlled Firms Seized In 30 Raids; German Books Confiscated

MONTEVIDEO, (UP)—More than 30 raids on axis-controlled concerns were believed today to have effectively crushed an active Nazi-Fascist front in Uruguay.

Three judges and five members of the congressional committee investigating anti-Uruguayan activities led police in raids on leading German and Italian firms.

Transocean, the German propaganda news agency, was raided and its books confiscated. They showed that the news agency provided its services free to all Montevideo newspapers and radio stations and received nearly \$2,000 monthly from Germany.

The Italian shipping company, Italmar, the Italian cable company, Italacable, and the contracting company of Guillermo Garbeta, an Italian prominent in Fascist circles, also were raided.

The investigation said war funds for Italy had been collected each world war veterans with Fascist sympathies. A member of the congressional committee said the Fascist party had assumed most of the axis activities here since the government moved against Uruguayan Nazis last year.

It was disclosed that Prosecutor Luis Alberto Pouza had demanded long prison terms for eight German subjects arrested last year for plotting to overthrow the government. Arnulfo Furmann, an Argentine citizen named as leader, faced 17 years imprisonment and the others were liable for shorter terms.

The defendants, who have been in jail for 18 months, begin their defense today before a judge who opened the case with the observation: "Only the final word from justice is lacking to show that the laws are no myth in Uruguay."

## Christmas Seal Sale Closing

Preliminary Report Shows Returns Ahead Of Total Reported For Last Year

The county Tuberculosis Association, which conducts the Christmas Seal sale in the county each year, is preparing to conclude affairs in connection with the recent sale and those who may not have their remittances to the association are urged to do so as quickly as possible.

Miss Claire Slattery of the San Francisco office of the State Tuberculosis Association, who was a Placerville visitor shortly before Christmas, found in a survey of the response to the local sale that the returns were well ahead of the returns for that period in the sale last year.

The association urges that remittances be made promptly to assist the association in meeting the special preparations made necessary by war conditions.

## GRAND JURY MEETS TO WIND UP AFFAIRS FOR YEAR

The county Grand Jury for 1941 met Tuesday morning at the courthouse in its last scheduled meeting of the year.

After convening as one group, the several committees of the grand jury withdrew and went about their special duties preparatory to making their reports, which are included usually in the general report of the grand jury.

It did not appear, although as much was not officially stated, that there would be any matters of special interest before the Grand Jury and it was expected that the report on the year's activity might be filed before the end of the day.

It is the usual practice of the El Dorado County Superior Court in receiving the report of the Grand Jury to advise the members of the Grand Jury that they will continue subject to call if necessary until the new grand jury is called and organized, at which time they will be automatically discharged.



**FOREIGN NEWS FUNNEL**—The foreign news section of the United Press headquarters in New York. Across the desks of these editors flow dispatches from every news-point on earth to the newspapers of the United States, Canada, Latin America, and elsewhere the world over. Transmission is so swift as to bring any newspaper news room in America within ten minutes of any-

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TAKING OVER EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

The Placerville office of the California Department of Employment is being transferred from state to federal control, effective January 1, and will hereafter be operated as an office of the United States Employment Service, Ralph G. Wadsworth, U. S. Employment Service director for California, announced today.

Wadsworth said the 78 offices of the state department are being

## Williard Heads Masonic Lodge

Installation On Monday Evening; Past Master's Jewel For Fred Dorman

Officers elected and appointed for El Dorado Lodge No. 26, F. & A. M., for the ensuing year were installed at a joint meeting of the lodge on Monday evening with Ellsworth A. Williard as the new Worshipful Master.

Williard succeeds Fred Dorman, who had been master of the lodge during the past year, and to whom a past master's jewel and chain was presented on behalf of the order by M. T. Kelly.

The installing officer was Harry Jasper, who was assisted by John P. Simpson as master of ceremonies. Refreshments and a social period followed the lodge meeting.

The officers installed, in addition to Mr. Williard, include John H. Palmer, Senior Warden; Bert E. Pierro, Junior Warden; Don H. Goodrich, treasurer; T. F. Lewis, secretary;

Victor J. Leonard, senior deacon; Joseph G. Hearn, junior deacon; Horace G. Dunn, senior steward; Walter E. Dodds, junior steward; Louis A. Reeg, tyler; Francis L. Ward, marshal; Harold W. Duden, chaplain, and A. S. Fox, organist.

## LIQUOR SALES TO MEN IN UNIFORM RESTRICTED BY STATE BOARD

SACRAMENTO, (UP)—An order banning sale of liquor to all men in army uniform except between 6 p. m. and 10 p. m., was formally approved by the state board of equalization today.

The order, issued recently in compliance with a request from Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commander of the western defense area, notified holders of liquor licenses that failure to observe the restrictions will result in revocation of their permits.

Board officials also said they would confer with Attorney General Earl Warren to determine whether the ban may be extended to other uniformed members of the nation's armed forces. No requests for restrictions have been received from commanders of navy and marine forces stationed in California.

## STATE GUARD COMPANY REPORTS FOR DUTY ON TUESDAY

The Placerville company of the State Guard reported for active service on Tuesday morning and moved out of town about ten o'clock in two large buses. Their destination was not immediately reported.

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Buy Defense Bonds or Stamps today.

## INSTALLATIONS SCHEDULED

Odd Fellows, Rebekahs In Lodges Of District To Seat Officers In Joint Meetings

The schedule of joint meetings of Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges of this district for the purpose of installing officers for the new term was announced Tuesday.

The installations will be conducted for the Odd Fellows by District Deputy Grand Master Glenn Carter and staff, and for the Rebekahs by District Deputy President Anne Fitzgerald and staff.

The officers on Monday received from the Attorney General of the United States a memorandum relative to the President's proclamations, which set December 29 at 11 p. m. as the hour by which the items mentioned must be surrendered.

The order is also being made applicable to firearms in the possession of enemy aliens to the extent that ownership of firearms must be declared and the gun registered with the Sheriff or the Chief of Police.

The Attorney General's memorandum said that the proclamation applies to radio transmitting sets owned by enemy aliens, to short wave radio receiving sets (and this applies to any receiving set capable of short wave reception), or cameras.

The officers said that a receipt will be given for the articles surrendered, the article or articles will be properly and safely kept, and will be released upon proper authorization from the United States District Attorney.

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Miss Goldman is a third-year pupil at the county high school and Mr. Foster, who attended school in Missouri, is employed in the lumbering industry in Placerville and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. George MacIn, of Knight's Landing, were here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. MacIn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller and Son, Rodney, of Sacramento, spent Christmas with relatives in Placerville and at Cool.

## WILSON DUNCAN'S DEATH ON DECEMBER 24 IS REPORTED

Friends will be glad to know that the Christmas season brought Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Rantz a message from Romayne Rohlfing formerly of Placerville, stating that he and his family passed safely through the hazards of the surprise attack on Hawaii on December 8. Mr. Rohlfing is assistant to the chief of staff of the territorial governor and his work has been greatly increased by the incidence of the period of emergency.

## Romayne Rohlfing, Family Are Safe In Honolulu

New Orleans Go "All Out" For Shrine Game

NEW ORLEANS, (UP)—The City of New Orleans, in an all out effort to make the uprooted Shrine East-West game a success, today proclaimed next Saturday an official holiday.

## COUNTY'S TAX RECORD GOOD

Slight Delinquency Now On First Installment May Be Reduced Later

The county's record in the payment of current taxes is good, W. P. Truscott, tax collector, reported Tuesday.

A compilation on the collection of the first installment of taxes was made Monday by Mr. Truscott and showed \$195,515.46 to be collected with \$7,718.15 delinquent.

"This amounts to little less than four per cent delinquency on the first installment at this time," Mr. Truscott said, adding, "but of course this delinquency will be reduced by the receipt of payments between now and April 20, when the second installment becomes delinquent."

Mr. Truscott said that many of the taxpayers paid their taxes in full at the time of paying the first installment and that the amount of tax money collected all together is far a better proportion of the total to be collected than is usually shown at this time of year.

## POULTRY PRODUCTION LESS BUT EGG PRODUCTION IS DUE TO GAIN

SACRAMENTO, (UP)—November poultry production was slightly less than for the same month last year but egg production is gradually increasing as the large numbers of this year's young pullets begin to lay, the state department of agriculture announced today.

Poultrymen had 11,217,000 hens and pullets in their laying flocks in November, 2 per cent less than a year ago, and the hens produced 97,000,000 eggs, slightly less than a year ago.

Poultrymen have been increasing size of laying flocks to meet new demands for war economy which indicates 1942 egg production will set a new mark.

The estimated egg production in California for the first 11 months of 1941 was 1,600,000,000 individual eggs, as compared to 1,700,000,000 in the corresponding 11 months of 1940. For the United States, the November egg production per hen was just twice as great as the November average for 1925-29.

Others believe that the state guard should not be eliminated but that units of the guard for home district use only should be included in the guard so that members who for business or family reasons

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## Lindbergh Is Volunteer

Lone Eagle Offers Services In Letter To Army Air Force Chief

WASHINGTON, (UP)—Former Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, who resigned last April from the air corps reserve, has volunteered his services to the United States Army Air forces, it was disclosed yesterday.

Lindbergh offered his services in a letter to Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the army air forces.

Officials said that since Lindbergh had severed all connections with the army last April, his application would have to be considered on the same basis as any other first applicant. Presumably he might be appointed with a commission as a specialist in some category inasmuch as his age—39—might preclude him from actual flying.

To obtain such a commission, Lindbergh would have to file a formal application and take the regular physical examination.

## WEATHER

No weather forecast was announced for today.

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## PHILIPPINES DEFENDERS BLOCK ENEMY ASSAULT 60 MILES NORTH OF MANILA

Japanese, Turned Back Repeatedly On Mile-Wide Front, Continue Flanking Attacks; Army Planes Reappear Over Fighting Lines; Quezon Inaugurated

By UNITED PRESS

American land forces—encouraged by reappearance of U. S. army planes over the front—battled a Japanese pincer offensive against Manila today in an all-out defense of the Philippines.

A fierce battle raged in the Cabantuan sector about 60 miles north of Manila where the Japanese attacked with artillery and land units throughout the night and today without breaking the defense lines.

On the southeastern front a community said that there were no new developments.

President Manuel Quezon, at his inauguration for a second term at headquarters "somewhere on Luzon island," promised that the Philippines would be defended with every ounce of fighting power.

United Press correspondents reported from the front that the struggle continues relentlessly against powerful Japanese columns less than 60 miles from the capital on both the north and the southeast. On the Cabantuan front the Japanese were turned back repeatedly in attacks on a mile-wide front but they continued striking at the defenders flank.

Singapore—Japanese planes blasted at Britain's great naval base but official reports said that little damage was done. The enemy was believed to be suffering heavy losses in a slow advance in northern Malaya especially in the Ipoh tin mine area.

Batavia—Dutch commander-in-chief Gen. Hein Ter Poorten expressed hope for sufficient material aid from allied war factories to stand off any Japanese assault on the Dutch East Indies. Reports of Japanese paratroops landing in Medan area were denied officially and attributed to a mistake caused by enemy pilots bailing out of blighted bombers.

Libya—A climactic battle, perhaps the final battle in the British offensive into Libya, was reported developing south of Benghazi in an effort to complete the destruction of axis armored strength. The Germans lost 22 tanks and 20 others were heavily damaged, according to first official reports.

Russia—German resistance to the Soviet counter-offensive appeared to be stiffening but Moscow reported the capture of more enemy

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## Youths Given Prison Terms

Pair Plead Guilty To Grand Theft and Two Charges Of Burglary

Robert Ellis and Donald Monroe, charged with grand theft and with two counts of burglary in the second degree, pleaded guilty in Superior Court Tuesday morning and were sentenced to San Quentin prison for the terms prescribed by law, the court directed that the sentences may run concurrently.

On the grand theft charge, arising out of the theft of an automobile belonging to Mrs. Norma Humphrey, of Placerville, the term is from one to ten years. On each of the burglary charges, arising out of the burglarizing of two summer homes in the American River canyon, the term is from one to fifteen years.

District Attorney Henry S. Lyon did not bring charges of jailbreaking against the pair who broke out of the county jail Monday morning and were recaptured an hour later near Shingle Springs.

The two appeared for arraignment Monday afternoon and asked for the appointment of counsel and Judge George H. Thompson named Attorney C. W. Pearson to advise them and continued the arraignment until Tuesday morning at which time the two entered pleas of guilty to the charges.

The youths, each is 19 years of age, had escaped about December 1 from the Preston School of Industry at Ione and were charged with a series of crimes involving grand theft and burglary in Amador and Sacramento County prior to their capture December 2 at Lake Tahoe by the Highway Patrol.



## Hysteria Seen At Capitol

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could not leave their communities for any great length of time could serve in the home defense units. Senator Jerrold L. Seawall, of Placer county, introduced such a bill in the senate during the recent session which passed that house unanimously.

When the state guard act was originally passed we were at peace, and in the minds of many legislators at that time a state guard was solely for the purpose of home defense with local units protecting their home counties in case of an emergency. It was not anticipated that men with families and jobs would be called out of their home counties to do guard duty away from their home area. Now that we are at war the picture has changed and many men have been called away from their home counties to protect other than their home areas. Some of these men can ill afford to leave their families and their jobs. Letters from wives of many of the men were received by legislators, protesting the procedure. Men who were employed in vital defense industries were also called into active duty. As a result the majority of the legislators felt that they must know more about the state guard and the entire defense program.

The writer, as one legislator, is

willing to vote whatever money is needed for state defense, be it \$50,000,000 or \$100,000,000, but before we vote, we want a clearer picture of what is needed. We do not want to send men in the defense industries to do guard duty nor do we want to take men with families and good jobs away from their home counties who cannot afford to go. Many men joined the state guard feeling it was their patriotic duty to join. Many of these men believed in their own minds that if any trouble did come to their home counties they would do their part in the defense program. They did not realize at the time that they might be called a hundred miles or more, away from their home area.

We feel confident that when the legislators return to Sacramento on January 12th, they will be in a better position to calmly and without hysteria, adopt a defense program and allocate the necessary funds to carry it through.

### GRANGE NEWS NOTES

#### POMONA GRANGE

A meeting of Amador-El Dorado-Pomona Grange will be held at the Coloma Community Hall on Friday evening, January 9, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of installing officers in the Pomona and the subordinate Granges of the Pomona, State Master George Schleymeyer will be present. A potluck supper will follow the meeting.

## Philippines Battle Rages

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tanks, guns and other materials. Berlin reported that one Russian spearhead had been trapped and was being destroyed.

The fighting in the Philippines was surging closer to Manila due in part to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's orders for withdrawals to shorten communication lines and take up better defense positions.

Mac Arthur has massed his main forces in Pampanga province 25 to 50 miles north of Manila for a probably decisive encounter with the Japanese troops pouring ashore along Lingayen Gulf about 50 miles to the north.

Thus far, it was indicated, advance American lines still held the Japanese off about 30 miles north of Mac Arthur's main concentrations.

A naval threat to Manila was hinted in reports to Manila newspapers—not confirmed officially—that Japanese warships appeared at the height of the air attack on the Corregidor Guardian of Manila Bay yesterday and were driven off by coastal guns.

Mrs. Lois Millar is preparing to resign her position in the recorder's office to rejoin her family at San Francisco. Miss Mary Edna Henderson has been named to succeed her.

## CULLENWARD QUILTS DEFENSE POST WITH HIS HANDS TIED

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP) — San

Francisco's civilian defense set up was in a turmoil today following the resignation of Eric Cullenward as director and an editorial charge that Mayor Angelo Rossi has used

the committee for politics. Cullenward, who also formerly was Mayor Rossi's executive secretary, declared he had been given responsibility without authority; that he lacked power to direct civilian defense, is not consulted on many phases of the work, and isn't even introduced at public defense meetings.

## Holiday Treats in Good Eats

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### R & R BRAND

#### CRANBERRIES CAPE COD

2 POUNDS - - - 45¢

#### OLIVES MATMOR RIPE

2 TALL CANS - - - 25¢

#### Plum Pudding

Pound can 29¢

#### SACRAMENTO BRAND

#### Asparagus

No. 1 Tall Can 19¢

#### SNIDER'S

#### Cocktail Sauce

14-oz. bottle 19¢

### WONDERFOOD

#### Marshmallows

Pound cello bag 10¢

### SUNSHINE

#### Crackers

2 pound Carton 29¢

### SACRAMENTO BRAND—TALL CANS

#### Fruit Cocktail

2 cans 25¢

### MONTEBELLO—SWEET

#### Wine

(Bring Container) Gallon \$1.09

### C. C. C. BRAND

#### Apple Cider

10c refund on jug Gallon 49¢

### LIBBY'S

#### Pumpkin

Large No. 2 1/2 can 10¢

### Mince Meat

#### PENNANT

Fancy Pack 35¢

30-ounce Jar

### Cranberry Sauce

#### OCEAN SPRAY

2 17 ounce cans 25¢

### ORANGES

#### TABLE SIZE

2 DOZEN 33¢

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#### THE MILK CHOCOLATE DRINK

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Tobin's Tenderized POUND 30¢

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Pure Pork POUND 32¢

### PORK ROAST

Lean, Meaty Shoulders POUND 28¢

# THE RUBBER SITUATION

## And How It Affects Tires For Your Car

### Americans Should Produce Their Own Rubber

In this critical hour, when rubber assumes a position of prime importance to our national welfare and to our ultimate victory, I cannot help thinking of the statement made by my father more than 20 years ago when he declared that "Americans should produce their own rubber." To him the dependence of this country upon a single, concentrated area for any basic raw material was economically unsound and it was his premonition of difficulties in the future that led to the establishment of the Firestone rubber plantations in Liberia, which are now being worked to the very limit to produce every possible pound of rubber for our country.

### Rubber In Modern Warfare

Rubber is indispensable in modern warfare. Airplanes and scout cars, tanks and trucks, barrage balloons and gas masks are only a few of the many essential war materials that require rubber.

### The Reserve Supply of Rubber

Keenly aware of this strategic importance of rubber and anticipating the day when the United States might be cut off from the Far East, our government, in co-operation with the rubber industry, began more than two years ago to build up a reserve supply. After Pearl Harbor, it became necessary to take drastic steps to protect this precious store of rubber and on December 11 our government issued an order prohibiting the sale of tires and tubes to anyone not having a priority rating of A-3 or better. These temporary restrictions will end on January 5, and they will be superseded by new regulations which are now being formulated.

How long such restrictions will remain in force will depend upon the course of future events. Naturally, when our allied forces are victorious in the Far East, shipments of rubber to the United States will be resumed. But in the meantime, steps are being taken to relieve the present situation.

### Facts About Synthetic Rubber

The first of these is the expansion of facilities for the manufacture of synthetic rubber. There are a number of large plants now under construction, and the one for which we are responsible will be ready for production in the first part of 1942. Nearly ten years ago, our organization began experimenting with various types of synthetic rubber, and in May 1933, we produced the first synthetic rubber tires ever manufactured for Uncle Sam's armed forces. As more synthetic rubber became available, we consistently increased our production of synthetic rubber tires. The most important elements needed for the manufacture of synthetic rubber are butadiene and styrene, both by-products of petroleum, which commodity the United States is fortunate in having available within its borders in unlimited quantities.

### Brazilian Rubber Available

Another possible emergency source of rubber is the valley of the Amazon river in South America. From that area, 45,000 tons were shipped in 1912 and it has been estimated that perhaps as many as 300,000,000 wild rubber trees exist in this region. These are not being tapped at the present time because the price of rubber is lower than the price which would provide the incentive for the natives to blaze the jungle trails, tap the trees and bring the rubber to market. In addition there is a possibility that some rubber can be obtained from Guayule shrubs, which can be raised in this country and Mexico.

### New Victory Tire

Still another step which we took some years ago and which will serve our country well today, was the establishment of extensive facilities for reclaiming scrap rubber. Today the Firestone organization has the largest rubber reclaiming capacity in the world and we have the advantage of long experience in developing products made from this material. One of these is a new type of tire made from reclaimed rubber, which will give reasonably satisfactory service when driven at moderate speeds. We have named this product the "Victory Tire" and it is now in production in our factories. We also have in work a new type of tractor tire made from reclaimed rubber to help agriculture continue to play its vitally important part in the war effort.

### The Patriotic Duty of Every Car Owner

In the laboratories of the Firestone factories, our scientists and engineers are working night and day to find ways of using to best advantage the present rubber supply. Equally important to the successful conservation of rubber is the co-operation of American car owners, whose patriotic duty it is to get the maximum amount of service out of their tires.\*

Ever mindful of our responsibilities to our country and to the car owners of America, the Firestone organization is making full use of all of its experience, all of its resources and all of its technical skill to meet the needs of both.

HARVEY S. FIRESTONE, Jr.  
President

## The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

\*Firestone has just published a new booklet entitled "How To Get More Mileage From Your Tires." You can secure a copy from your nearby Firestone Dealer or store, or write to the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

DRIVE-IN  
MARKET RALEY'S  
COMPLETE FOOD STORE



These are strenuous, unnatural times—and farm buying methods which might apply in normal times, certainly do not apply now.

The authority for that statement is none other than State Director of Agriculture William J. Cecil, who is also chairman of the Agricultural Resources Committee of the State Council of Defense.

Agriculture is confronted with a critical problem of priorities and allocations. As a consequence, it is vital for farmers to place their orders now for equipment and supplies which they will need during the coming twelve months.

One of the most urgent reasons for early orders and early buying, according to Mr. Cecil, is that the supply concerns, in many instances, cannot get required materials until they can show orders on hand.



Seasons Greetings



Let us give a toast to the bright young New Year! Let us drink to the better, happier days we know must lie ahead in 1942!

And here's to you, our loyal friends and customers! Good health, good cheer, and—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The  
Bottle Shop



Farmers, on the other hand, cannot place orders until they have credit, but the Farm Credit Administration has come to the rescue and is co-operating in splendid fashion in helping farmers to make their credit arrangements early for 1942 business.

After discussing the problem with Mr. Cecil, the writer of this column took the liberty of addressing a letter to Mr. Willard D. Ellis of the Farm Credit Administration. In that letter we went into the problem of credit as it affects the whole priorities problem from an agricultural standpoint.

Illustrative of the general situation we cited the following specific example:

"Farmers are not accustomed to buying surface irrigation pipe at this time of the year. They usually wait until spring. But with the quantity of pipe used in this state, and its natural deterioration, I know there must be extensive purchases of this material next Spring, if the farmers in California are to be able to handle their irrigation troubles satisfactorily and meet the food production requirements of the defense program.

"On checking with the manufacturers of this pipe, we find that they cannot get material to make the pipe until they can show a very definite necessity for having the material, based upon actual orders of pipe from farmers, in which orders it is stated that these goods will be needed for 1942 defense production. That means that farmers, if they are to be supplied with materials next spring, must place their orders NOW, which means that they must have the credit assured this far ahead in order to place firm orders. I realize it is unusual to suggest that a credit institution make commitments so far ahead, but, under present conditions, it would seem necessary in order to preserve even the credit that you have already given . . . ."

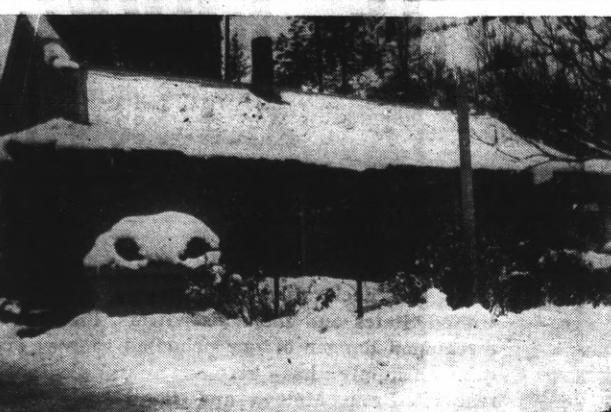
That letter brought this prompt and reassuring reply from Mr. Ellis of the Farm Credit Administration:

"Your letter . . . as well as the telegram received from Director of Agriculture Cecil . . . has been used, we think effectively, in contacting presidents, secretaries-treasurers, and directors of all our production credit associations. We will cover not only all the California production credit associations but the associations in the other three states in this district . . . ."

"We have pointed out to the association representatives the necessity of informing their member-borrowers NOW that those who need farm supplies and equipment can secure the necessary credit, where they are entitled to it, and place their orders with the dealers immediately in order that the dealers may, in turn, place firm orders

## Around The House

With ANN COMFORT



THE MICHAEL MAYER house, on Main Street just east of the War Veterans' Memorial Building, is the subject for this week's article in the "Early California Homes" series, by Ann Comfort.

Yearly Main Street is becoming more streamlined. Tourists lament the fact that there is so little to see in the way of picturesque old buildings. Yet few know about the vine-covered cottage that was the Michael Mayer house. Built out of lumber that came around the horn it shares with the Patton house—the Antique Shop—which was originally built by a man named Burns in 1856, the honor of being one of the oldest frame residences in the city. The nails used in its construction are of the square, hand-cut kind. The house still retains that quaint false upper front which was a favorite architectural quirk of the period. Within, the house has been completely modernized except for the polished tongue and groove pine walls in the bedrooms, and the handsome, old, hand-made doors.

The traffic of the Comstock went by this house and it also witnessed that "flaring blaze of high adventure" that was the Pony Express. This house has another characteristic distinction, it has two mines in its back yard—the Ida Mitchell Mine and the Reed Mine. The latter was said to have been so rich that the nuggets were carried out in lard cans.

Michael Mayer, one of Placerville's early citizens of solid worth had a rather adventurous career before he came to this house. In 1852 when he was ten years old, Mayer's parents left Germany for Chile. The ship in which the Mayers came took 90 days to make the journey. After two years in Valparaiso the family came to San Francisco. Mayer remembered how the Vigilante committee had held sway and he remembered the hanging of Casey and Cora. In 1857 the Mayers came to Placerville. While they made it their permanent home, young Michael still had some roaming to do.

Like Robert Chalmers of Coloma, Mayer was a born "joiner." He was a member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows, Druids, Foresters, and Foresters' fraternities. For twenty years he was District Deputy Grand Master of the Odd Fellows.

Within the Mayer house has much home-like charm. Mrs. Adler, daughter of pioneer parents shares some favorite family recipes with us:

### California Beans

Cook two cups of beans until tender, about 1 1/2 hours, add salt and pepper to taste.

Saute 1 medium sized onion in 2 tablespoons of oil or drippings, stir in 1 tablespoon flour. Add 1 can tomatoes, 1 heaping teaspoon chili powder, salt and pepper to taste. Cook about 5 or 10 minutes.

Pour off any excess water from bacon, mix with sauce, place in baking dish, cover with strips of bacon and place in hot oven until bacon is crisped on edges.

### Spanish Stew

Cook 1 medium package egg noodles for about 10 minutes in salted water. Drain and add cream of mushroom soup, 1 cup evaporated milk, 1 small can tuna, 3 hard-boiled eggs cut in small pieces. Place in casserole. Sprinkle lightly with grated cheese and paprika. Heat in oven until lightly browned.

May I pass on a New Year's message that was given to a group of women preparing for defense work: "The powers of life and growth have not stopped because we are plunged into war. While we work and pray these powers are bringing beauty and growth to pass and are making out of every blunder and mistake forms of later beauty." May the New Year bring you all new vision and fresh adventure.

With that kind of cooperation assured from credit agencies, California farmers should take time by the forelock—make their credit arrangements at once and place their orders for essential equipment and supplies NOW. With America at war, depending on stepper-up production to help win the final victory, there should be no delays. Do not wait until you need the equipment. Anticipate your needs. And get that order in NOW!

### UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS IN PLACERVILLE AREA DROP TO \$5,058

Unemployment insurance payments in California for November, 1941, dropped nearly \$2,000,000 compared to the same month for 1940, according to announcement by Kenneth E. Sullivan, manager of the Placerville office of the Department of Employment.

Payments in the Placerville area totaled \$5,058 for November of this year, compared to \$12,967 for the same month in 1940. Total checks issued in this area were 345 compared to 901 for November, 1940.

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